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COTTON "FARM" PRODUCES 800 BALES FROM CONCRETE FLOOR WITHOUT ALLOTMENT

By Bill Reece

BAKERSFIELD, Dec. 19 — Wait till Mr. Benson hears about this. I've just seen a "farm" in Bakersfield that "produced" 800 bales of lint cotton this past season on less than an acre of ground, and without a cotton allotment!

What's more, it "grew" the fibre indoors, in an air conditioned building — on concrete.

If that doesn't have the much-harrassed secretary of agriculture reaching for his tranquilizers, nothing will. So, before he decides to resign in disgust, I'd better tell him that the "farm" isn't really a farm at all but his own United States Government Classifying Office and the fantastic 800 bale "yield" is simply an accumulation of bale samples sent to the office for market classification by Tulare and Kern county cotton farmers.

In fact, this thing has been going on for 20 years, ever since the free classing service has been in effect. And, though it is not compulsory, except for cotton going into the government loan, approximately 99.99 per cent of the nation's cotton growers subscribe to it today.

Authorization for the service was passed by congress in 1937 under the Smith-Doxy act which sought to set up a uniform stand-

ard of ratings by which the producers' cotton could be classed according to its quality and length of staple. These factors basically determine what the fibre can be used for which in turn determines its market value.

In setting up the standards, rep-
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Drug Stores Having Bad Time; Prescriptions Are Going Out But Welfare Money Is Not Coming In

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — Confusion is rampant in one segment of the population along the avenue, namely the druggists, who are being snowed under with prescriptions from welfare recipients, but who are receiving only a dribble of money in payment therefor.

And, actually, the situation is serious in some cases, since drug stores are being forced to carry far more credit than they can afford as a result of operation of the new welfare program that became effective October 1 by virtue of state legislative action.

Cause of the trouble is the state's liberalized medical care program that allows welfare recipients to go to the doctor of their choice three times in 90 days.

Psychology of the situation is that while in the past there were ways of taking care of those who needed care, under the present program people are thinking that they are entitled to three calls on the doctor every 90 days, and are finding ways to need them.

And with calls come prescriptions; which is where the druggist's dilemma sets in.

For the route of prescriptions
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Silver Bonus Up To \$77.50

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — A sales slip next Tuesday from a Silver Bonus store in Porterville could bring you \$77.50 — that's the amount now riding in the Silver bonus pot. Winner last Tuesday was Mrs. Fred Surber, 600 North G street, Porterville, who received \$5.00, but who missed on the Silver Bonus since she did not have a sales slip from a Silver Bonus store. For details of the weekly Silver Bonus contest, read the Silver Bonus pages in this issue of The Farm Tribune.

CATTELMEN HAPPY; CITRUS SLOWED DOWN

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — Cattlemen were happy, citrus producers not so happy about the weather this week as rain Sunday, Monday and Tuesday upped the season total at the Daybell nursery to 3.63 inches, compared to 2.02 inches last year.

Season total throughout the foothill areas is well above last year; some snow was reported at higher elevations.

Rain is "just what the doctor ordered" as far as cattlemen and dry farmers are concerned, but picking of Navel oranges has been slowed by the rains, and now, with clearing skies, there is always the possibility of frost.

DIAL-A-DEVOTION BRINGS NEW IDEA IN EXPRESSION OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT THROUGH DAILY TELEPHONE SERMON

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — Modern telephone equipment is being used by the Methodist church in Porterville to bring a daily religious thought to anyone who cares to dial SU 4-1087.

The daily "sermon" brings a one-minute spiritual idea, a one-sentence prayer and recommended Biblical reading for the day to those who care to participate in Dial-A-Devotion.

The idea was put into application this week by the Rev. Willard J. Rand of the Methodist church, who, each day, records the religious message and places it on telephone equipment located at his home. The message is changed daily at 7:30 a.m.

Cost of this unusual type of religious project is being taken care of by members of the Home Builders' class, and the Crusaders' class at the church, these two groups handling half the cost; the other half is being underwritten by

EXCELLENT YEAR INDICATED AS NAVEL ORANGE MARKET DEVELOPS NEW STRENGTH

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — Developments of the past week, including a damaging freeze in Florida, have brought new strength to the Navel orange market and have established a situation in which an excellent season for Porterville, and Central California, citrus producers is strongly indicated.

The only big "ifs" in the picture are a possible freeze in this area, or some unforeseen development in domestic or international affairs.

But as of today, the Florida freeze, plus the usual Christmas market demand, plus the official announcement that the California citrus crop is the lightest since 1929, all add up to prospects for a profitable year for producers of both Navel and Valencia oranges.

As of last Saturday, 33.45 per cent of an estimated 13,500 car crop of Navels from Central California had been moved, compared to 34 per cent at this time last year. F.O.B. average return was almost exactly the same as last year, according to Stanley Trueblood, manager of the Tulare County Fruit Exchange.

Since the Florida freeze, Navel prices have jumped three times and the market has firmed up considerably.

Reports coming out of Florida indicate that about 5,000 cars of Tangerines — the fruit that competes on the January market with California Navel oranges, and 5,000 cars of Temple oranges that

compete on the February market, have been heavily damaged or perhaps totally destroyed.

An embargo has been placed on Florida citrus shipping until frost damage is determined, however, heavy movement of Florida citrus

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REPORT GIVEN ON 106 AG. PROJECTS

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — Labor income of \$20,869.84 was reported from the 106 productive enterprise maintained by vocational agriculture students at Porterville High school during the 1956-57 school year.

The figure was given in the annual report on the supervised farming program in vocational agriculture just submitted to the state by Ralph L. Hooper, chairman of the high school department.

According to the report, a total

LABOR INCOME

Labor income, as used in connection with vocational agriculture projects, is the difference between gross income on a project and expenses in connection with the project. This difference represents the financial return that is received for labor involved.

Of 98 individuals completed projects during the year. Of the total projects, 101 involved livestock, and five were crop enterprises.

In addition, there were 49 "non-productive" projects in the pro-

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RAY HOLLOWAY READY TO GO AS AUCTIONEER

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — Ray Holloway, Jr., Porterville citrus grower, is now ready to go as an auctioneer, having just completed a course at the Western College of Auctioneering at Billings, Montana.

Holloway says that he plans auctioneering as a "sideline to farming" at least for the present. With considerable background in community theater work, and with the special training that he has received, he should be able to call a sale with the best of them.



GEORGE ANDERSON, of the famous House of David basketball team, has his whiskers trimmed by Mel Sheary in preparation for their appearance in the Porterville high school gym, 8 p.m., December 26, when they will play the equally famous Harlem Clowns in a game sponsored by the Porterville Quarterback club.

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DIAL-A-DEVOTION

In keeping, certainly, with the spirit of the Christmas season is a new idea put into operation this week by the Methodist church in Porterville — Dial-A-Devotion.

Just pick up your phone, dial SU 4-1087, and you will hear a one-minute devotional thought, a one-sentence prayer and a recommended spiritual reading for the day.

The idea comes from the Rev. Willard J. Rand, minister of the Methodist church; his is the voice that you hear on the Dial-A-Devotion.

Object behind this use of modern equipment to convey age-old words of devotion is to provide a spiritual thought, for those who desire it, to start the day, or to keep the day moving.

Because of the Rev. Rand's idea, and because people of his church are carrying the financial obligation involved, a spiritual word of encouragement is available to anyone by the mere dialing of a telephone.

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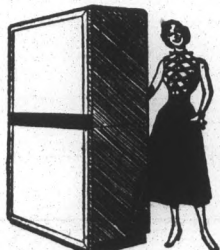
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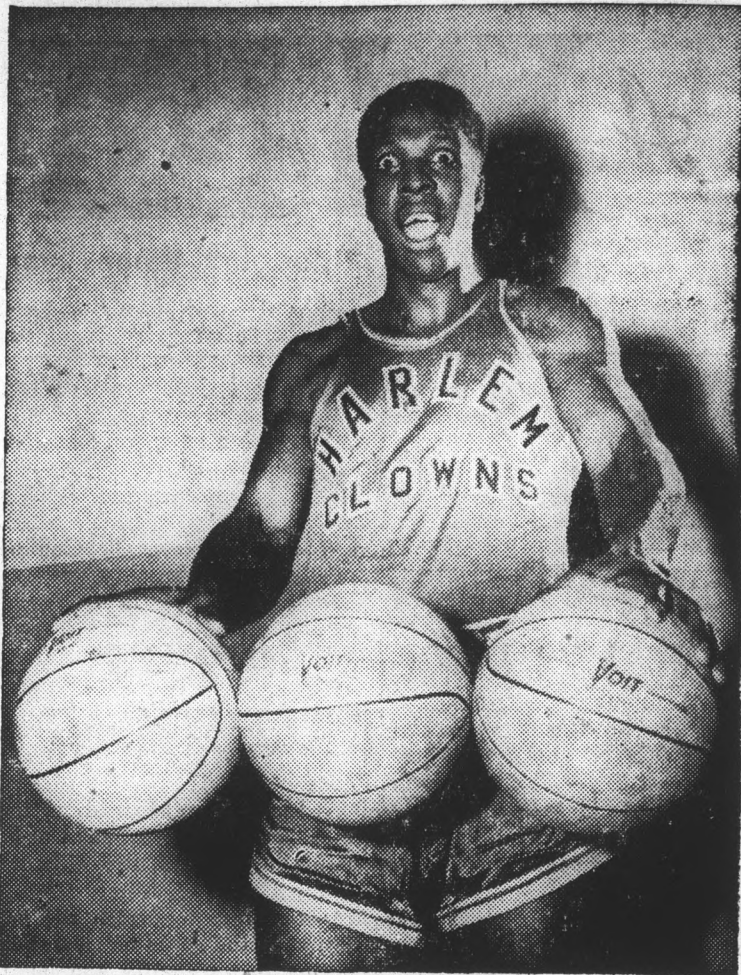
By Gardner (Bud) Wheeler

LAST WEEK, ALONG WITH several other citizens, we attended a combination social and athletic function at the PUHS beanery. The occasion was the Annual Football banquet, and there was a major turn-out of football players, looking slightly strangled in ties; persons of considerable note, and fathers who looked somewhat dazed by the school days atmosphere. It was very cozy with virtually all the diners locking arms in order to squeeze into the tables. We were somewhat embarrassed when we found we had eaten half our meal off our neighbor's plate. However, when we found he had returned the compliment, we merrily swapped plates and finished in peace. Lasting friendships can be made in such surroundings.

THE SPEAKER OF THE EVENING proved to be far above average. He would have had the audience sitting on the edge of their chairs, except there wasn't that much room. He was Mike Pecarovich, erstwhile coach of Gonzaga U. and Loyola U. of Los Angeles. While he was entertaining to the nth degree, he also made some telling points that are worth repeating. In discussing greatness in athletes, he mentioned physical ability, mental agility and that indefinable quality known as "character" or "integrity". Pecarovich rated this last attribute very highly, indeed, and for want of a better definition, we suppose you could call "character" the desire to do the right thing, even if no one is watching.

TWO DAYS AFTER THIS OUTING, we were battling the mirror with our Gillette in hand, at the uncivilized hour of 6:30 a.m. The reflection we viewed left a little to be desired, but we were trying to dash through a shave like the TV heroes do. This left something to be desired, too. Our viewing and Gilletteing were abruptly interrupted by the door bell. Weapon in hand, we dashed for the door. No one else in our house is foolish enough to get up that early. On opening the door we were greeted by a clean cut young man of some 20-odd summers. He blandly announced that he had inadvertently put a dent in the side of our car while looking the wrong way while rounding the corner.

CLOSER INSPECTION PROVED that he was right. There was a dent in the side! We expressed some appreciation for being so thoughtfully told of this mischance, but he assured us that



LOOK MAN. Where did all those basketballs come from? So says Bob Woods, comedy star of the Harlem Clowns, who will come to Porterville the evening of December 26 to meet the House of David basketball team in a game sponsored by the Porterville Quarterback club. Some fine basketball, as well as some fine comedy, is in store for local fans. Game time is 8 p.m.

Robert Gros Will Speak At Exeter

EXETER, Dec. 19 — Robert R. Gros, one of the West's most widely known and most able speakers on national and world affairs, will appear as principal speaker at the Exeter chamber of commerce banquet Thursday evening, February 13.

was the "right" thing to do. Some times we aren't too sharp early in the A.M. or even later, but we suddenly recalled what Pecarovich had said about "character". We asked the young man his name. It is Bill Horst. Two nights before, at the Football Banquet, Bill Horst had been recalled as PUHS Player of the Year in 1952. By our standards he was great. He also has "character".

THIS MIGHT BE CALLED A Christmas story, and it is one we are happy to report. We hear so much about delinquency and general moral deterioration that it is a pleasure to reverse the coin. Sometimes too, falls from grace are headlined so lustily, that we overlook the fact that there are many, many decent people in the world. These are the unsung heroes that make the world a better place.

P. S. We finished shaving but haven't conquered the TV technique of ease and speed.

Total of only 59 casualties, with 12 fatalities as a result of hunting accidents in California during the first 11 months of 1957 indicates that this year may be a record year for hunting safety.

Diamond Hal Horse Of Year

SPRINGVILLE, Dec. 19 — Diamond Hal, owned by the S. A. Camp Farms of Shafter, has been voted Aged Pacer of the Year by a panel of national turf writers. The famous horse has been stabled often at the Camp ranch at Springville.

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STATE COTTON PRODUCTION TO SET RECORD

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 19 — In spite of an acreage cut from 749,000 acres last year to 716,000 acres this year, California will produce an estimated 1,500,000 bales of cotton this year — four per cent more than last year.

Record production of 1,006 pounds of cotton lint per acre is predicted for the current season.

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By BILL RODGERS

GOVERNMENT ECONOMY?

Well, one little change could save a few million bucks. And it's simple. The government only has to charge enough interest on the money it loans to offset the interest it pays on the money it borrows. Elementary, my dear Watson, elementary. But the Rural Electrification administration, a federal agency, borrows money from the federal government at two per cent interest, however, the federal government pays the current rate of three per cent for the money it borrows from the public to lend to REA at two per cent. In 1957, REA loaned \$300.5 million to cooperatives for building and improving rural electric and telephone systems; by 1975 this bureau of government expects to be dishing out about one billion annually. Losing one per cent in interest before the show even starts is quite an item when this amount of money is involved, and there is also the additional matter of bookkeeping that has to be paid for. . . . And REA isn't the only agency that the federal government is loaning money too at less than said money costs—the Housing and Home Financing agency, Small Business administration, Farmers' Home administration and the International Cooperation administration all cut in on this fat pumpkin. . . . Without delving into the undesirable aspects of these operations in total, and assuming

Van Horn Named Assistant General Manager Of New Firm

REDLANDS, Dec. 19 — John M. Van Horn, 38, general manager of Pure Gold Supply company, and formerly assistant general manager and secretary of Pure Gold, Inc., has been named to the position of assistant general manager of the newly organized Western Fruit Growers Sales Co., Fullerton, according to Ray Lamm, general manager of the new marketing association, second largest in the California citrus industry.

Concurrent with his appointment to the new position which he will assume on January 1, 1958, Van Horn submitted his resignation to Burton Tilden, president of the Pure Gold organizations.

Western Fruit Growers Sales company was organized October 1st of this year combining the Blue Goose and Red Mule trademarks under which is marketed the citrus fruit of 22 packing associations throughout California and Arizona. Western also markets the deciduous and row crops of Brentwood Farms, Brentwood, California, under the Hillside brand.

Western is now in the process of constructing new sales offices in Fullerton at 332 E. Commonwealth which it expects to occupy about February 1st.

they will continue to exist, more than a few government bucks could be saved by following the simple recommendations of the second Hoover Commission, which suggested that these agencies be required to borrow money from private sources and that they be required to reorganize into self-supporting agencies, paying their own administrative costs, as well as the cost of the money they borrow. . . . Simple, isn't it, this economy business?

JUST LIKE we've said before — it will be a long cold night in Washington when the planners out-guess the farmers. Here the soil bank cuts California cotton acreage from 749,000 acres last year to 716,000 acres this year, but does this mean there will be less cotton produced in California? No Sir. On the contrary, farmers took their soil bank money, all legal and above board, then produced four per cent more cotton than last year, also all legal and above board, and, in the process appear to have set a new per acre production record of about 1,006 pounds average. . . . Simple, isn't it, this farm program?

BUT HERE it is the Christmas season, and all's right with the world. All that Santa is supposed to bring to our pre-teenage daughters is a hi-fi, a new station wagon, a long-play Pat Boone record, a rifle (that's the Annie Oakley influence) a baseball bat and glove (we don't know what influence that is) a horse, a color TV (op-

KAREN MAYS WRITES OF IMPRESSIONS GAINED AT NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

SUCCESS VALLEY, Dec. 19 — Karen Mays, Success Valley 4-H club member who has returned from the 36th National 4-H congress in Chicago with other delegates from Tulare county and the state of California, had this to say about her trip:

"The 36th National 4-H Club congress was indeed a dream come true, an event I had worked for and dreamed of for nine years. For the last five years I have heard of the 'fabulous' times in Chicago from my older brother and many of my friends. Then on Thanksgiving Day, 1957, thanks to the help of my parents, leaders and Extension service personnel and the overwhelming generosity of the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway system, I got my chance to begin my 'Time of Your Life' trip to Chicago.

"For many of the Chicago delegates including myself, the trip on the train had several firsts. We had never spent the night on a train or been that far East. The trip itself was an experience never to be forgotten, especially the snow storm in the beautiful Colorado country on the return trip. This was just a small part of our trip. There was also one 'fabulous' week of banquets, entertainment, sightseeing, meeting new friends from other states and countries, and stimulating speakers all in the Windy City at the Conrad-Hilton hotel.

"Hosting our banquets, parties, etc., were names such as Firestone, Sears Roebuck, International Harvester, Ford, Coats & Clark, Montgomery Ward, Singer Sewing Machine Co., and many more. Each company had representatives there even the president in some cases. This shows the extreme interest in 4-H clubs and the youth of today that these large business firms have. It in-

tional) and a miscellaneous assortment of other items, all of them expensive. . . . Simple, isn't it, this Christmas business.

OH WELL, as the fellow on the next stool said, "Merry Christmas, you all, Merry Christmas, anyway."

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"Another great inspiration of this congress was the other delegates and their outstanding records. They have done so much for other people. This was the theme of the talk at the General Motors luncheon by Dr. Kenneth McFarland, guest lecturer. He stated that the more you serve the better you will do. A quotation he used to sum up his talk was, '... he took all as he found them and did them all good.' This was the prevailing feeling there, doing for others.

"On the lighter side of the conference were famous names such as the Chicago Symphony orchestra, Purdue Glee club, Crew Cuts, Florian Zabach, plus a lot of singing under the very able leadership of D. Merrill Davis.

"This is only a glimpse of the wonderful week and one-half which we had. The thought which I will always remember from my trip is, 'He who would be a leader must be a servant of all.'"



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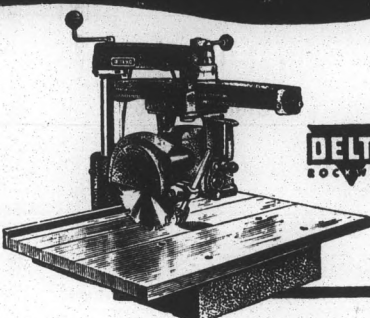
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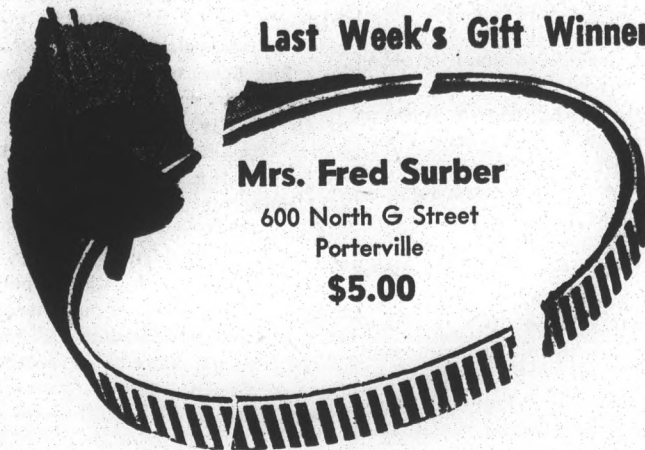
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A representative will call at the home of a winner, the evening of each Silver Bonus contest, and will award a \$5 prize. If the winner is not at home he may call at The Farm Tribune and receive his \$5 award.

The winner will receive his \$5 prize and can use or payment on account that Silver Bonus store or stores, then he is required according to the following schedule:

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The award is not given in any week which is a holiday. The \$5 prize for the best entry is given regardless of whether the winner has a sales record.

The contest is held principally on the basis of their singleness of thought. Under no circumstances will the names of the person submitting be given.

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Abalone and clam diggers will find minus tides now in the afternoon with plenty of shellfish available in the vicinity of Pismo Beach and Oceano. Sportsmen are reminded to check the regulations carefully as many game law violation cases are made during favorable tide conditions.

We have always been told that Madera county had a drastic county ordinance which made it necessary to have written permission of the property owner to trespass on private property for any purpose especially fishing or hunting.

But this isn't true we discovered after talking to Lester J. Gendron, the county district attorney and his assistant, Ed H. Childlaw, who inform us that only the state

trespass law was ever in effect in Madera county.

Under the new state trespass law it is now necessary to have the written permission of the property owner if the land is cultivated, or if it is fenced or if it has signs posted as prescribed by law. Repeat, if any one of the three conditions exist then it becomes necessary to have in possession the written permission of the owner to trespass for the purpose of hunting.

Merced county has gone one better in enacting an ordinance that makes it a violation to carry or discharge any firearm on any land belonging to another unless he has in possession the written permission of the owner. Verbal permission simply is not sufficient.

This brings up the question of what happens to sportsmen who go into the Los Banos State Waterfowl Management area, the Merced National Waterfowl Management area or the San Luis Wasteways, a public duck shooting grounds operated by the state department of fish and game but owned by the bureau of reclamation? We presume the sportsmen who hunt on these areas are at least in technical violation of the Merced county ordinance and may just possibly be subject to arrest by some county law enforcement officer. How can it be otherwise?

But more to the point would be the cooperative hunting area that was operated in this county this year for pheasant hunting. Here several farmers were signed under the co-op hunting law to make their land available in return for protection by game wardens. What about operating such an area next year in view of the local laws? It sort of looks to us that Merced county would be a good place for the sportsmen to keep away from unless they have written permission to trespass. None of this applies to fishing, the anglers being better behaved.

YOUR LEGISLATOR AT WORK!



Senator
J. Howard Williams

32nd District
California State Legislature

With adjournment of the State Legislature in June, many problems of interest to Californians remained undecided. This is despite the fact that some 2,652 measures out of nearly 8,000 introduced passed both houses of the legislature, and all but 375 remained on the Governor's desk for his signature or pocket veto by July 17.

The fact that the legislature is not in session does not mean your legislator devotes no time to state government. On the contrary, the average legislator will serve on at least six of the some 60 interim committees and as many subcommittees which were set up to study and investigate nearly 350 subjects referred to them by both houses of the legislature during the session.

Many times during the session measures affecting the people were so complex the regular committees felt there was insufficient time for proper study and evaluation of these subjects. In these cases, action on the bills was deferred for two years and then sent to an interim committee for proper investigation and recommendation to the next session.

Take for example the question of the water rights problem, which came in for hours — in fact days — of debate and attempted compromise. No agreement could be reached that met the approval of all concerned, so the entire matter of water problems of the state will go to the regular joint committee of both houses on water problems, and to a special committee composed of nine members from each house. If, during the course of their consideration, a compromise is reached by a majority of the latter committee, the Governor has promised to call a special session of the legislature to consider the matter.

While water is of grave importance if the state is to continue to grow and prosper, matters of equal concern will be considered by these important committees.

It is during these interim hearings that your legislator may have an opportunity to hear witnesses on both sides of complex subjects

JOE RAWLS IS DIRECTOR

LEMON COVE, Dec. 19. — Joe Rawls, of Lemon Cove, has been re-elected as a director of the Exchange Lemon Products company.

and, probably more important, to visit on-the-scene projects over the state to make determinations on proper future legislation.

Matters concerning our great agricultural interests, or the economy of our manufacturing and oil industries, and to the conservation of our natural resources, including fish and game — these are but a very few of the subjects upon which these interim committees will spend considerable time and research to come up with proper answers, always keeping in mind what is in the public interest in their deliberations.

We hope to discuss in some detail the problems and actions coming out of these interim committee studies in future columns. We feel, in this way, the people of Tulare county will have a better understanding of their legislative processes.

The immensity of the last legislative session, so far as physical things are concerned, is indicated by the state printer recently. He said 104,546 type pages of bills and publications were ground out in five months time, using 550 tons of linotype metal and about 375 tons of paper. He estimated it would require a shelf 33 feet long to house just a single copy of all material printed for the 1957 session.

Evidence of the increasing work load of the legislature is the comparison of the total of 104,546 type pages in 1957 with 84,787 in 1955 and 77,263 in 1953.

Farm Tribune Ads Get Results

Blackeye Beans Recommended For Tulare County

By William R. Sallee
Farm Adviser

VISALIA, Dec. 19 — Blackeyes have consistently produced higher yields than any other dry bean varieties in three years of field testing on the Gordon Shannon ranch. Baby limas also produce satisfactory yields and can be recommended along with blackeyes to be adaptable for Tulare county.

These two varieties produce well because of their resistance to root-kont nematode, high temperatures, and some of the common bean diseases.

Standard pinks, red kidneys, pintos, California reds, small whites, large limas, have not produced satisfactory yields consistently. These varieties do not have resistance to high summer temperatures which causes severe blossom drop. Other important factors is their susceptibility to root-kont nematode, common bean diseases, and insect damage.

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THE OLD DAYS

MARCH, 1900

VISALIA — Monday afternoon Supervisor J. W. Shaffer of Kern city and W. L. Elliott, of San Francisco, arrived in Visalia with the first automobile that has traveled through the San Joaquin valley. The horseless carriage was brought from San Francisco to Stockton on the boat and from that city to Visalia the trip was made in easy stages. It required five hours to come from Fresno to Visalia. From Goshen they found the best road they encountered on the trip, and they made seven miles in 32 minutes, including two stops to permit teams to pass them. The machine is propelled by a three-and-one-half horsepower gasoline engine and on good roads will make a speed of 20 miles an hour easily, at a cost of one cent per mile. It weighs 1,400 pounds and has four-inch pneumatic tires.

PORTERVILLE — Sheep manure is being hauled in from Woodville and sold to orchardists at \$4.50 for a four-horse load.

A citizen's committee has collected \$1,100 toward the establishing of a creamery in Porterville.

Two crews of men will be put at work on the new road to be constructed to the Deer Creek Hot Springs on Monday. H. C. Helmerick will have charge of one crew and work down, while Alma Hall will manage the second crew and work up steam.

Miss May Barnes, teacher at the Saucelito school has dismissed the school for a week, owing to the prevalence of measles in the district. All of her pupils, with the exception of one, is down with the disease.

COLLEGE PREPARES FOR OPENING OF LEAGUE BASKETBALL PLAY ON HOME COURT AGAINST TAFT JAN. 6

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — The Porterville College Pirate basketball team will have two more non-conference games this week, then go back to work right after Christmas in preparation for the start of the CJCJAA league race against Taft College here on January 6, 1958.

Coach Dick Weist will send his cagers against a strong team from Mesa Junior college of Grand Junction, Colo., in the high school gymnasium on Thursday night. On Saturday, the Pirates will entertain the Fresno State college freshmen in a return game.

The Mesa team will feature many of the top prep stars from the western Colorado area. The Mavericks are playing Glendale, Bakersfield, Porterville and Fort Ord teams on a western pre-holiday tour.

Porterville has only one win this season, however Weist is using the practice games to find out what his best working combinations are. Right now, he has the Hill brothers, Tiny and Bob, working at the forward spots. Both are former Porterville High school stars. Ken Barstow, a 6-7 freshman from Sioux Falls, S. D., has the center spot and does most of the rebounding work. Starting guards at present are Sam Paguia of Delano and T. J. Owens of Barstow. Both are speedy, and good ball handlers.

Top reserves are Dock Spruell of Merced, Herschel Mosier and Bruce Gum of Williams, Ariz.

After enjoying Christmas at home, the Pirates will go back to work for the Hartnell College invitational tournament to be played December 27 - 28 in Salinas.

The Pirates were on the coast last weekend, dropping games to Monterey Peninsula College and Hartnell College.

AVOCADO CROP IS SECOND BEST

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 19 — Second largest avocado crop in the history of California is now being harvested.

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Dial-A-Devotion

(Continued from Page 1)

thought that is in keeping with the season, or with important events of the times. He says the Dial-A-Devotion program has a special attraction for shut-ins, but that it is designed for everyone as a "morning lift", or as words of encouragement during the day.

In so far as is known, the Dial-A-Devotion idea is new to the San Joaquin valley, although it has been used in the northern California metropolitan areas.

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News Of The SPRINGVILLE COMMUNITY

By WINNIE GAGE

The Chamber of Commerce will give trophies again this year for the best outside Christmas decorations.

The First Southern Baptist Chapel has moved to a new location in Springville, from the King residence to the south end of Main street.

The pastor is Rev. Tholimson of

Riverside. Rev. Badget of Porterville is teaching a Bible study course each Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend.

Mr. William Currie of Los Angeles is spending the holidays here with his son, James D. Currie and family. Mr. Currie just returned from a visit to Glasgow Scotland and the southern states.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Hunnicut have purchased the Earl Moore property and moving from their ranch in Success Valley. The Moores will move to the Nettie Sales place above Springville as soon as some repairs are completed.

Mrs. Gertrude Gill is in Fresno visiting her sister, Mrs. Will Edwards, and to take some medical treatments.

Mrs. Pat Fine has gone to Missouri to spend the holidays with her brother, J. T. Davis and family. She will also visit her brother, Bud Davis and family in McAllister, Okla. She was accompanied by Miss Susan Oakley.

Monday's rain storm brought 1.80 inches of rain, bringing season's total to 6.50 compared to last year at this time 2.85.

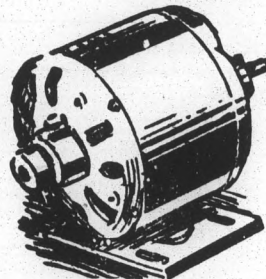
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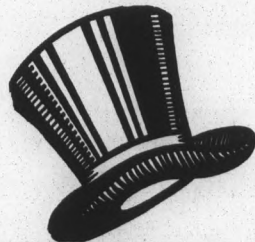
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You don't have to purchase a thing — just pretend they're only to look at and browse around. The points give our joint that holiday look and should revive your Christmas spirit. The azaleas are pretty enough to take your mind off anything and the African violets will make you want to book passage to Africa on the next boat.

One thing we can say for certain is our Christmas peppers are a "hot" item. They resemble small candles with their waxy red, yellow, and green fruit and can be kept indoors until warm weather in the spring. If you're interested in hot pepper the fruit can be dried, and what results will blow the top off your cooking thermometer.

Bare root trees are arriving with fruitless mulberry and Modesto ash in stock now and many fruit trees arriving the day after Christmas. Early planting of your family orchard will mean early eating of delicious peaches for future breakfasts. Come feast your eyes on "E" Street west of the traffic—Porterville.

NON-TILLED, WEED-FREE SOIL WARMEST; IRRIGATION MAY MAKE ORCHARD COLDER

By Karl W. Opitz
Farm Advisor

VISALIA, Dec. 19 — Non-tilled and weed-free citrus soils are warmest; moist, not wet, compact bare soil absorbs heat from the sun during the day and gives it back to the trees at night.

Wet soil prevents radiant heating because the soil requires all the heat it gets to evaporate the moisture in it. For the first week or so after a heavy rain or irrigation, the soil uses so much heat in evaporation that it has little to give off as radiation. Consequently, irrigating an orchard during a freeze as a means of frost protection is limited to the time the water is applied.

Water logging the soil makes

the orchard colder by preventing radiant heating. Thus, when water is run to prevent frost, provisions should be made to remove all excess moisture by means of drainage facilities.

Cultivated soil does not absorb much heat during the day because dead air spaces in it insulate against the penetration of daytime heat. Cover crops also insulate because the plants shade the soil and prevent absorption of heat.

Recently stirred soil is coldest; firm, bare ground devoid of free moisture warmest. This does not mean, however, that trees should be allowed to suffer from lack of water. Groves deficient in moisture suffer most during a freeze.

CITRUS CROP LIGHTEST IN THIRTY YEARS

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 19 — The production of all oranges in California during the 1957-58 season is forecast at 25,900,000 boxes; the lightest crop for this state since 1929. The Navel and miscellaneous orange crop at 10,400,000 boxes is 32 percent under last season's production, and 33 percent below the 1946-55 average.

The 1957 bearing acreage of Navel and miscellaneous oranges is 61,100 acres, 21 percent below the 1946-55 average bearing acreage of 77,172 acres. The Valencia crop at 15,500,000 boxes is 24 percent under last season's production and 41 percent below the average. The 1957 bearing acreage of Valencia oranges is 83,800 acres, 35 percent below the average of 129,439 acres for this crop.

BORROW COW TOPS 100,000 POUNDS

SPRINGVILLE, December 19 — Rocky Hill Mont Korndyke Lady, a registered Holstein owned by Mark L. and Bruce Borror, has passed the 100,000 pound lifetime production figure with 107,018 pounds of butterfat in 2,274 days on official test.

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PROGRAMS AT SCHOOL MARK HOLIDAY SEASON

PORTERVILLE, December 19 — Christmas programs at both Porterville college and Porterville High school on Friday afternoon will mark the start of a two-week vacation for the holiday period.

At the college, seventh, eighth, and ninth period classes will not be held on Friday, and students will attend the annual Christmas program and party at the Barn Theater at 1:30 p.m.; Director O. H. Shires said.

The college's annual Christmas formal dance, sponsored by the Associated Women Students, will be held at 9 p.m., Saturday, at the high school cafeteria, with students, faculty members and alumni attending.

At the high school, a regular morning schedule will be maintained on Friday. Students will attend their fifth period classes from 1:00 to 1:10 p.m., then enjoy the annual Christmas assembly program in Memorial auditorium at 1:15 p.m. Buses will leave at 2:30 p.m.

School classes will be resumed on Monday, Jan. 6, and the end of the first semester will be on Friday, Jan. 24.

Christmas Seal Campaign Lags

VISALIA, Dec. 19 — Tulare county's 1957 Christmas seal campaign for the County Tuberculosis and Health association is lagging, according to Carl E. Booth, president of the county association, who reports that \$14,907 has been sent in this year, compared to \$15,224 last year at this time. Last year a total of \$26,920 was collected through sale of Christmas seals.

Winter potato production in the nation is forecast at 6,480,000 hundred-weight, five per cent below last year.

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SOIL BANK PLAN BEING ESTABLISHED

VISALIA, December 19 — Tulare county farmers who are thinking ahead on their 1958 plans should keep in mind next year's Soil Bank programs, Ralph G. Ainley, chairman, Tulare Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation committee, states.

The chairman pointed out that the sign-up for Conservation Reserve is now under way and will continue until April 15; the sign-up for Acreage Reserve agreements covering 1958 spring plantings of cotton and rice will be from January 13 to March 7 both dates inclusive.

Both Soil Bank programs require the establishment of a Soil Bank "base", the chairman explained, and it is important that farmers understand the meaning of the term as well as of several others. Another term which must be understood in order to meet requirements of Soil Bank programs is "permitted acreage".

The "Soil Bank base" for a farm is the average of Soil Bank base crops grown on the farm for the two preceding years.

Ainley urges Tulare county farmers who intend to put land in the Acreage Reserve to get their Soil Bank bases established as soon as possible. Contracts and agreements cannot be signed until after the base has been determined by the ASC office. The office is now prepared to help farmers declare their soil bank base crops.

FAIR BOARD MEETING SET DECEMBER 27

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 19 — Directors of the Porterville fair will meet Friday evening, December 27, to discuss policy matters and general business related to the 1958 fair, dates of which are May 22, 23 and 24.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m., at Gang Sue's. Presiding will be Babe Hodgson, fair board chairman.

Joe Elliott, playing the role of Santa Claus, this week delivered 45 Christmas trees to the Porterville State hospital; the trees came from the Mt. Whitney Lumber company.

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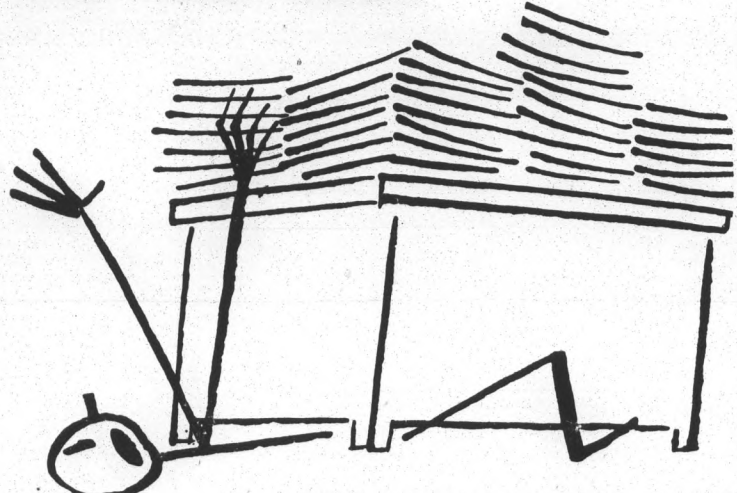
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NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that HERBERT A. DIFFENBAUGH, whose address is P. O. Box 603, Springville, California, intends to sell and transfer to CARLOS G. GREGG and BEULAH L. GREGG, his wife, whose address is P. O. Box 742, Springville, California, that certain grocery business commonly known and called "Village Market" located on the corner of Main and Spring Streets in the Town of Springville, County of Tulare, State of California, together with the goods, wares, merchandise, furniture, fixtures, equipment and appurtenances thereunto belonging. That said transfer will be made on Saturday, December 28, 1957, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M. of said day, at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, Porterville, California, the consideration or a price will be paid at time and place of transfer.
Dated: December 13, 1957.

HERBERT A. DIFFENBAUGH
Intended Vendor

State of California
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On December 13, 1957, before me, Gaylord N. Hubler, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared HERBERT A. DIFFENBAUGH, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same.
WITNESS my hand and official seal.

GAYLORD N. HUBLER
Notary Public in and for said County and State
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NOTICE OF INTENDED TRANSFER

Notice is hereby given that FRANCES GORMAN HARTMAN, whose address is 716 Union Street, Porterville, California, intends to sell and transfer to ALBERT R. HOLLAND, 124 South "K" Street, Tulare, California, that certain retail shoe business known as and called "HARTMAN'S", located at 403 North Main Street, Porterville, California, together with the goods, wares, merchandise, furniture, fixtures and appurtenances thereunto belonging. That said transfer will be made on Tuesday, December 31, 1957, at the hour of 10 o'clock A.M. of said day, at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, Porterville, California. The consideration or price will be paid at the time and place of transfer.
Dated: December 17, 1957.

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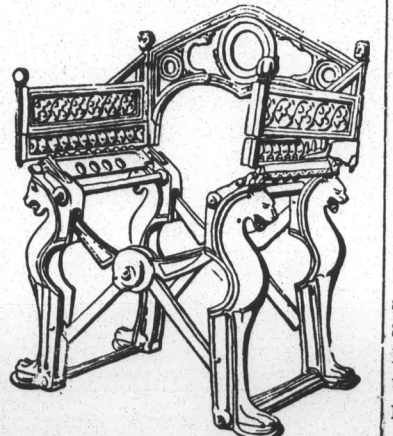
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County of Tulare, ss.
On this 17th day of December, 1957, before me, Gaylord N. Hubler, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared FRANCES GORMAN HARTMAN, known to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same.
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Just for Fun

by Robert C. Preble
President
Encyclopaedia Britannica

Unravel the jumbled clue and see if you can guess the answer, which has as many letters as there are dashes. The answer is printed upside down.



You couldn't imagine a household without several of these, yet until the 1500s its use was limited to persons of almost regal estate—and even today its name designates the individual who is the arbiter of a meeting.
CLUE: WENODO ASTE

ANSWER: — — — — —

From the clue wooden seat we derive the answer of chair. Until the 1500s the bench was the only place where a person of almost regal estate would sit. And even today its name designates the individual who is the arbiter of a meeting. The answer is chair.

Drug Stores

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and pay for prescriptions is long and devious. It starts in the doctor's office, where a special form, in triplicate, must be used by the doctor. The patient takes the prescription to a drug store, gets it filled, and goes on his way with 'nary a care in the world in so far as paying is concerned.

The drug store sends the prescription to the California Physician service office in San Francisco, the agency with which Tulare county has a contract to administer this new welfare program. There the prescription is checked to see if it is in order and if charges are in line.

Prescriptions then come back to the county welfare department for a check as to eligibility of the individual to receive medical care; following this check, the prescription goes to the county auditor, who draws a warrant to the CPS, which then pays the druggist.

Tulare county has about 10,000 welfare recipients who are eligible for the new medical plan; many of the 10,000 county welfare recipients, apparently, are taking full advantage of the new medical plan.

By the end of November, after two months of operation of the new program, the county welfare department had received and processed 3,374 billings totalling \$16,213.13—and there were many others pending along the line.

What about the doctors? Well, they fill out a form in duplicate for their bill which must conform with state-authorized fees; said bill then goes through the same channels as prescriptions. To date, doctors have, to our knowledge, received no money in connection with the program.

And one little sidelight — previously, doctors could care for chronic illnesses by seeing their patients once or twice a year, and authorizing refilling of their prescriptions. Now, doctors can prescribe for only a month in advance, which means 12 calls, and 12 prescriptions where one or two used to suffice.

What about taxpayers who are footing the bill for this new welfare plan? Ugh.

But elsewhere along the avenue there are other topics: Could be that the Porterville branch of the Security First National bank may soon get a fancy remodeling or a new building; Porterville Kiwanis club had a fine professional show last Thursday night — real good comment along the avenue. And isn't it kind of nice to hear a comedian kid the government about its failure to get a satellite launched. Imagine someone in Russia kidding Bulganin.

New date of the Porterville chamber of commerce banquet — February 21. Most Porterville stores will be open until 9 p.m., Saturday until Christmas; Charles Perry, Rockwell manager, reports that 43 people are working at the plant.

Death has taken: Ernest Gordon Hall, at Fallbrook, son of Mrs. Etta Hall and the late Judge Alma Hall, of Porterville; Mrs. Tina Ridgway, lifelong Porterville resident and widow of the late Judge E. E. Ridgway; Mrs. Mary H. Walker, a resident for 22 years; Traugott Boriack, 82, a resident of Terra Bella since 1936; Mrs. Eva Duncan, 91, at Lindsay, a pioneer of the Springville area.

Jerry Dale Kinman and David Bennie King, of Porterville, were picked up by city police Saturday night as they were attempting to

LEGISLATORS HEAR PLANS FOR EAST 99

EXETER, Dec. 19 — Two state legislators — Senator J. Howard Williams, of Porterville, and Assemblyman William Hansen, of Fresno, were told of plans for development of East Highway 99 at a dinner meeting of the East 99 Highway association held in Exeter.

One object of the meeting was to acquaint legislators with "local" ideas concerning plans for East Highway 99 and its tie-in with highway 65.

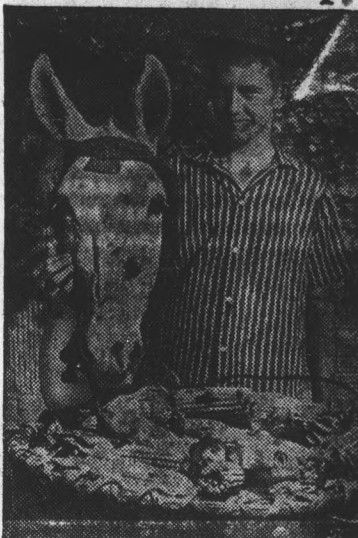
Domer F. Power, Strathmore, president of the Orange Belt Highway association, presided at the evening meeting. At an afternoon East 99 director's meeting, a resolution was passed favoring a tie-in between highway 65 and East 99 highway at Stafford's corner, north of Woodlake, on the present proposed route of the new highway 65.

burglarize the high school cafeteria; questioning indicated the youths were involved in at least 16 other burglaries in southeastern Tulare county.

Judy Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker, was installed Saturday as honored queen of Porterville Bethel of Job's Daughters.

City fathers delayed action, Tuesday, on joining up with the county on an area planning commission idea. They also took under advisement a request by 38 business men on south Main street that lighting equal to north Main be provided, and authorized the city attorney to go ahead with annexation of the 100-acre city sewer farm.

U. S. Corn Champs



A 14-year old 4-H and FFA boy, helped by his 20-year-old mule, is U. S. corn growing champion for 1957. Lindon Ratliff of Prentiss County, Mississippi, has harvested 250.85 bushels of corn from one acre of ground—the U. S. average is under 50.

Lindon's brother, Lamar, set the world mark of 304.38 bushels two years ago. Their famous mule, Dolly, planted and cultivated both plots—in fact, she has been in on five U. S. records.

Keys to the Ratliff system are lots of fertilizer; a high-yielding adapted seed corn, Funk's G-711; planted thick; proper cultivation; and irrigation, if necessary.

Vandalia Christmas Party Tonight

VANDALIA, Dec. 19—Vandalia 4-H club members will hold their annual Christmas party tonight at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Williams. Planned is a business meeting, followed by games, dancing and refreshments.

Members attending are asked to bring something for the club's welfare basket.

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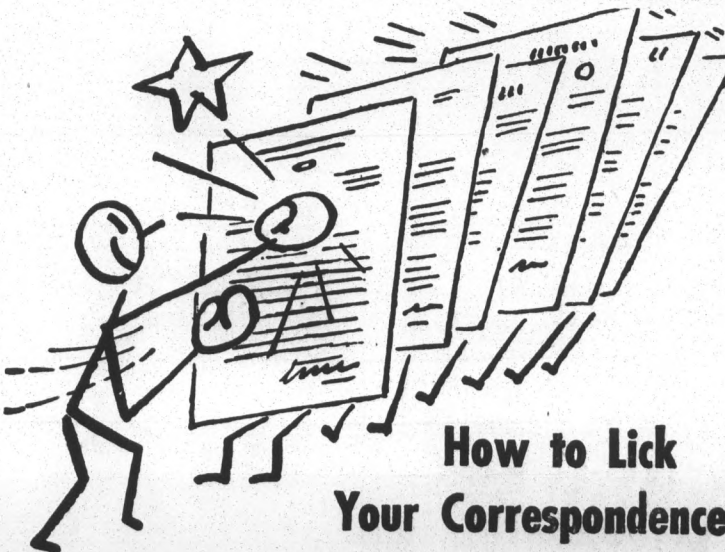
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Frank Hornkohl Will Speak At Strathmore Meet

STRATHMORE, Dec. 12—Frank Hornkohl, owner of the Hornkohl laboratory in Bakersfield, will be the principal speaker at annual Strathmore chamber of commerce banquet the evening of January 14.

Hornkohl, whose laboratory specializes in agricultural and oil-field work, is serving this year as district governor of Rotary International.

Excellent Year

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occurred between the time of the freeze and declaration of the embargo.

No statements have been made concerning damage to Florida oranges that will be marketed next spring, however, it must be assumed that there has been considerable damage to this crop also.

Estimate for Central California Navel production is being reduced as picking records are checked against estimates. However, even with a light crop, market conditions now indicate that local citrus producers are working in a year of profitable financial return.

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Report Given

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gram, which included improvement projects, supplementary farm practices, and placement for farm experience.

Of the livestock projects, greatest income came from beef cattle, where 30 projects involving 61 head brought a total labor income of \$13,303.01. The largest single return in this category was \$472.13 for an 11-head project.

Ten dairy breeding projects involving 34 head of cattle had a labor return of \$1,195.52, while 13 dairy milk projects involving 35 head returned \$3,343.93.

There were 12 sheep projects involving 105 head, and the return was \$660.19. Eight swine breeding projects involving 42 head had a labor return of \$445.50.

Eleven pork projects with 85 head of hogs returned \$890.05. This category also gave the top individual return of \$540 from a 40-hog project.

Eight poultry egg projects involving 261 birds gave a labor income of \$190.45, the report showed, while four poultry meat raising projects with 213 birds returned \$56.73 for labor.

Four rabbit projects returned \$39.55 on 81 head to round out the livestock categories.

In the crops division, two citrus projects returned \$515 in labor income, one grape project returned \$199.91, and two garden projects returned \$30.

In the "non-productive" projects, 72 hours of labor were reported by students for improvement projects, 1,859 hours for supplementary farm practices, and 9,920 in placement for farm experience work.

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Cotton "Farm"

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representatives from all segments of the cotton industry meet in Washington and inspect cotton samples grown in every part of the globe. From these, they select and establish uniform grades. Generally the ratings remain in effect for a period of three years.

Once the standards are agreed upon, exact duplicates are made into "sampling boxes" and sent to all classifying offices. Grading of the individual grower's cotton is done simply by comparing his own bale samples to those in the sample-boxes.

Most growers who visit the office for the first time find this seemingly un-scientific method of grading rather disturbing. They point to the element of "human-error", but, the fact remains that the competency of the classifiers is such that the large percentage of cotton bought in this country is never seen by the buyer until it reaches his spinning mills.

True, most textile firms do re-grade the cotton on its arrival at the mills. But this is done for the purpose of establishing in-between grades for spinning reasons. Normally, government classifiers grade only for seven market classifications. These are: Good middling, strict middling, middling, strict low middling, low middling, strict good ordinary and good ordinary. Sometimes a "plus" is used (MID+) to designate that the grade has the leaf and preparation of middling and the color of strict middling, the next higher grade.

The first step in having cotton classed is to submit a representative bale sample to the classifying office. This must be done by a bonded sampler who will cut two four-ounce samples, one from each side of the ginned bale. In the event (and it does happen) that the two samples are of different grade, then the lower grade becomes the single grade. One explanation for this phenomena is that the ginner failed to gin all of the lint in the previous run, therefore a grower's first bale contains not only his own but another grower's lint as well.

When a grower's sample, with his bale number attached, arrives at the classifying office it is placed on the grading table. The classifier then inspects it for color, leaf and preparation. These three qualities will determine its grade. Most cotton is classed as white but, there are variations and these will be designated as: G (gray) SP (spot) T (tinged), etc.

Leaf and other foreign matter is important and must be taken into consideration because it determines how much of the bale is waste. Texture and smoothness of fibre is referred to as preparation. Cotton that has been ginned when wet is usually marked as poor preparation. However, most poor preparation begins in the handling of the lint before it reaches the gin.

With the cotton now classified as to grade, the next step is to determine its staple length. To do this, the classer grasps a tuft of cotton between the thumb and forefinger of each hand and pulls it apart. The surplus portion in one hand is thrown away until there is a very small amount being pulled. The unusually long fibers

KIRKWOOD TO ASK REELECTION AS CONTROLLER

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 19 — Robert C. Kirkwood announced yesterday that he will seek reelection, in 1958, as state controller, rather than running for the United States Senate.

Kirkwood announced his interest in the senate race immediately after U.S. Senator William F. Knowland said last summer that he would not seek reelection.

Definite decision by Kirkwood to seek reelection as state controller leave three Republicans and three Democrats in the race for United States Senator, although this situation could also change when the time for actually filing arrives.

are then pulled out; the remainder, or average fibers, are then measured for length.

Experienced classers like George Derrick, chief classer at the Bakersfield office, can do the whole operation in less than a minute. But, it took him 28 years to learn how. A kindly southern gentleman, Mr. Derrick grew up in a cotton patch in South Carolina and there is little about the industry that he doesn't understand. As a young man he tried his hand at share-cropping only to leave it for the security of a weekly pay check at the textile mills. At the mills he worked his way up to the position of grader, the top echelon of the textile jobs. Later he joined the government service.

Today, George Derrick, like the majority of the cotton graders, is a senior citizen. He has spent almost his entire lifetime in association with King Cotton. It's his second big love, his first is the Bible.

Now to get abck to those 800 bales. In case you're wondering what happens to them, they are sold on the open market and the money is used to defray the expenses of the classifying office. As George Derrick says, with understandable pride, "this is one government agency that pays its own way."

Leonard Parsons, of Venice, a commercial fisherman, has been arrested 31 times since 1936 for violation of the state's fish and game code and is now serving 180 days for his latest violation.

Social Security Office To Be Opened In Visalia

FRESNO, Dec. 19 — A new social security administration district office will be opened in Visalia in the near future, it is stated by Charles I. Schottland, commissioner of social security.

The office will serve 135,000 persons who are affected by social security. At present, 6,050 residents of Tulare county are receiving social security benefits amounting to \$277,000 per month.

Rono & Son Cow Tops Association

VISALIA, Dec. 19 — A registered Holstein from the M. Bono & Son herd at Tulare, topped the Tulare County Dairy Herd Improvement association for the month of November with 17,545 pounds of milk and 678.4 pounds of butterfat. M. Curti and Sons of Waukena had the high first-calf heifer, a grade Holstein, with 17,437 pounds of milk and 609.5 pounds of butterfat.

Board Opposes Farm Wage Act

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 19 — The State Agriculture board is on record as opposed to a pending congressional bill that would place a dollar an hour minimum wage scale on farm laborers and a 40-hour week. Such legislation, it was said, is unrealistic and would be detrimental to the entire agricultural economy.

Olive Sales Promotion Starts

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 19 — With 2,100,000 cases of olives to market — a 10 per cent increase over last year, the California Olive Advisory board is launching a promotion campaign designed to sell olives.

MORE ROOM NEEDED FOR RECREATION

BERKELEY, Dec. 19 — University studies indicates that within the next 10 years, recreation demands on forests in California will increase from 38 to 106 per cent, depending on type and location of recreation areas. The look into the future foresees a 71 per cent increase in visitors to Sequoia and Kings Canyon National parks.

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